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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT- APRIL 3

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; 7/13 AF, 432 TRW AND 56 SOW FOR DO/ DI;
MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO.

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BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY- GROUND ACTION REMAINED VERY LOW DURING PERIOD 1-2 APRIL, WITH ONLY SEVEN MINOR CLASHES AND SHELLINGS REPORTED. RLAF FLEW ZERO COMBAT SORTIES. ONLY REPORTED ARTILLERY EXPENDITURE OCCURRED SOUTH OF THAKHEK. POLITICAL - TWENTY- FIFTH SESSION OF TUESDAY TALKS CANCELLED TO PERMIT PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE AN-2 FLEW TO SAM NEUA APRIL 3. END SUMMARY.

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR I: NO GROUND ACTION REPORAPER ON CULTURAL COOPERATION, POLISH REP (WILLMAN) DREW HEAVILY ON UNESCO CONCEPTS TO DOWNPLAY SEPARATE CHARACTER OF HUMAN CONTACTS. ARGUING PREEMINENCE OF CULTURAL COOPERATION, HE SAID THAT THIS CONCEPT INCLUDED HUMAN CONTACTS; THE TWO WERE AN ORGANIC UNITY.

2. POLISH PAPER RESPONDS TO DANISH DRAFT BY ADDING A REFERENCE TO " NON- GOVERNMENTAL " ORGANIZATIONS, TO ELABORATION OF A " LONG- TERM PROGRAMS " OF EXCHANGE, TO " SOCIAL " ASPECTS OF CULTURE. IT DROPS, HOWEVER, DISSEMINATION OF AND ACCESS TO FOREIGN BOOKS AND PERIODICALS, AND REFERS TO " EXCHANGE " RATHER THAN " DISTRIBUTION " OF FILMS, RADIO/ TV PROGRAMS.

3. EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE. CZECHOSLOVAKIA MADE ORAL STATEMENT, WHICH HE ASKED TO BE CIRCULATED IN WRITING, ON EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE, INDICATING THAT EAST WANTS TO TREAT THIS AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT PER ORIGINAL DANISH MANDATE. NOTING SIMILARITY TO DANISH DOCUMENT, HE HINTED THAT " CONCRETE RESULTS " ARE POSSIBLE IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD. NOW CONDITIONS EXIST TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PARTICULARLY AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL. STUDENTS, HISTORIANS, INTERPRETERS, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHERS, AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS COULD BE EXCHANGED ON THE BASIS OF NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. HE SAID AGREEMENTS SHOULD ALSO BE REACHED ON EQUIVALENCE OF DEGREES, WHICH WOULD " AFFECT " FUTURE ADMITTANCE OF FOREIGN STUDENTS.

4. WHEN TEXT OF ZCECH PROPOSAL AVAILABLE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO STUDY IT MORE CLOSELY. HIS ORAL STATEMENT HOWEVER, COVERED MOST OF THE POINTS IN DANISH MANDATE EXCEPT FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS EDUCATION. (COMMENT: SOVIETS TOLD CANADIANS THAT THEY ARE SUSPICIOUS OF THIS PROPOSAL.)

5. " EXCHANGE" OF INFORMATION. GDR (BOCK) TABLED PAPER WITH THIS TITLE, WHICH OF COURSE, IS LESS FAVORABLE THAN ORIGINAL SOVIET AGENDA ITEM, " DISSEMINATION" OF INFORMATION. IN MILDLY- WORDED STATEMENT, CONCILIATORY IN TONE (" ALL DELEGATIONS ARE WILLING TO SEE SOMETHING HERE"), BOCK EXPLAINED IMPORTANCE OF PRECISION AND CLARITY IN THIS MANDATE. TO AVOID FRICTION, IMPORTANT TO CONCENTRATE NOT ON WHETHER, BUT " HOW AND WHAT." AMBIGUITIES COULD CAUSE MISUNDERSTANDING, AND HE FOUND PORTIONS OF DANISH MANDATE UNCLEAR.
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FACT OF CONFERENCE WILL MAKE POSSIBLE " PROGRESSIVELY" BETTER LAWS IN THIS FIELD, BUT LAWS AND CUSTOMS WOULD NEED TO BE RESPECTED.

6. BOCK SAID THAT GDR WAS WILLING TO " OPEN THE WINDOW" BUT, WITH OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO CHAPEAU FOR MANDATE AS A WHOLE, ADDED THAT " WEATHER OUTSIDE" WOULD DETERMINE HOW WIDE GDR WAS WILLING OPEN IT. STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF
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